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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 27, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring on December 27, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on **page 2** of this paper.

No amendments are made in this paper to the Specification (other than in the claims) or to the Drawings.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on **page 33** of this paper.

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